

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A powered toothbrush comprising a handle, a cleaning head attached to said handle, a power source and a motor, and a mechanical vibratory device which causes the cleaning head to vibrate, said cleaning head having ~~an outer surface, and~~ a plurality of cleaning/treating elements ~~mounted to~~ extending from said ~~outer surface~~ cleaning head, wherein at least some of said cleaning/treating elements having ~~physical~~ characteristics which differ from other of said cleaning/treating elements.

20. (currently amended) The powered toothbrush according to claim 19, wherein said cleaning/treating elements are comprised of bristle elements, non-bristle elements or combinations thereof.

21. (currently amended) The powered toothbrush according to claim 19, wherein said cleaning/treating elements comprise bristles disposed at a non-perpendicular angle to said ~~outer surface~~ cleaning head.

22. (currently amended) The powered toothbrush according to claim 19, wherein said cleaning head has a free end and one of said cleaning/treating elements includes a tuft that follows at least a portion of a contour of the free end ~~include angled bristles arranged in a crisscross pattern.~~

23. (currently amended) The powered toothbrush according to claim 19, wherein ~~said at least one of said~~ cleaning/treating elements extends further from the cleaning head than at least one other of said cleaning/treating elements ~~include multi-level bristles.~~

24. (currently amended) The powered toothbrush according to claim 19, wherein said cleaning/treating elements include bristle walls.

25.-26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) The powered toothbrush according to claim 19, wherein said cleaning/treating elements include ~~non-bristle elements selected from the group consisting of a tongue cleaning structure, elastomeric elements, fingers, elastomeric walls, prophylactic cups or combinations thereof.~~

28.-29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The powered toothbrush according to claim 19, wherein some of said cleaning/treating elements are bristles on one side of the head, and wherein some of said other of said cleaning/treating elements comprise a tongue cleaning structure on an opposite side of said head.

31.-32. (canceled)

33. (new) The powered toothbrush according to claim 19, wherein at least some of said cleaning/treating elements extend from a support structure having at least a portion that is movable relative to the cleaning head.

34. (new) The powered toothbrush according to claim 33, wherein the support structure enables rotation of the cleaning/treating elements relative to the cleaning head.

35. (new) The powered toothbrush according to claim 33, further comprising at least one non-movable cleaning/treating element.

36. (new) The powered toothbrush according to claim 33, wherein the at least one of said cleaning/treating elements is movable independent of any other cleaning/treating element.

37. (new) A powered toothbrush comprising a handle, a cleaning head end attached to said handle and having a first end adjacent the handle and a free end, a power source, a motor, a mechanical vibratory device which causes the cleaning head to vibrate, wherein said cleaning head includes a first non-movable cleaning/treating element adjacent the first end, a second non-movable cleaning/treating element adjacent the free end, and a plurality of cleaning/treating elements disposed between the non-movable cleaning/treating elements, wherein at least one of said plurality of cleaning/treating elements extends from a support structure having at least a portion that is movable relative to the cleaning head, and wherein said at least one of said plurality of cleaning/treating elements is movable independent of any other cleaning/treating element.

38. (new) The powered toothbrush according to claim 37, wherein the support structure enables rotation of the cleaning/treating elements relative to the cleaning head.

39. (new) The powered toothbrush of claim 38, wherein the first and second non-movable cleaning/treating elements are bristle tufts.

40. (new) The powered toothbrush of claim 39, wherein the plurality of cleaning/treating elements disposed between the first and second non-movable cleaning/treating elements include bristle tufts.

41. (new) The powered toothbrush of claim 40, wherein the motor is an electric motor.

42. (new) The powered toothbrush of claim 41, wherein the power source is a battery.

43. (new) The powered toothbrush of claim 42, wherein the cleaning head further comprises at least two cleaning/treating elements having different cross sections.

44. (new) The powered toothbrush according to claim 42, wherein said second non-movable cleaning/treating element includes a tuft that follows at least a portion of a contour of the free end of the cleaning head.

45. (new) The powered toothbrush according to claim 44, wherein at least one of said cleaning/treating elements extends further from the cleaning head than at least one other of said cleaning/treating elements.